

Request for Continued Examination & Amendment/Response

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In re application of:

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RELATED INVENTIONS

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RCE & AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

The applicants hereby Request Continued Examination for the application. This RCE & Amendment/Response is in reply to a Final Rejection mailed out 10/20/2009 with a Shortened Statutory Period of 3 months (until 01/20/2010) set for reply. With payment of two month extension fee under 37 CFR 1.136(a), said period for reply is extended until 03/20/2010, a Saturday. The following business day is Monday, March 22, 2010. An appropriate small entity fee for an RCE and a two-month extension fee under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed or will be paid.

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